SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" I gave it to the Secretary three days back. It is to the effect that questions written in Telugu are returned on the plea that all questions should be written in English."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member could have given it to me. Anyway I will enquire from the office."

III.—PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1952-53.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to present the Supplementary Statement of Demands for Grants for Further Expenditure in the year 1952-53 and Detailed Estimates thereof. Copies of the Statement of Demands and the Estimates have been laid on the Table of the House.

" As explained in the Introductory Memorandum, the present Supplementary Demands relate to—

(a) Schemes of expenditure already provided for in the budget for 1952-53 for which additional provision is now required with reference to the expenditure already incurred or expected to be incurred before the end of the year; and

(b) ' New Service ' schemes sanctioned by the Government in the course of this year.

" In the latter class of cases, the demand proposed is for the actual additional appropriation required to meet the expenditure in the current year on individual schemes, after taking into account the savings now anticipated in the concerned grants. Where sufficient savings are expected, the demand proposed is only for a token sum of Rs. 100.

" The Estimated Expenditure in 1952-53 in respect of ' new service ' schemes included in the present statement is Rs. 69·05 lakhs in the Revenue Account and Rs. 1·14 lakhs in the Capital Account. The expenditure is covered by advances sanctioned from the Madras Contingency Fund, pending regularization by the Legislature. But most of the Demands proposed are in respect of larger expenditure on items provided for in the Budget for 1952-53 and approved by the Legislature, due to various causes, as explained in the Detailed Estimates.

" There are in all 31 Demands pertaining to the Revenue Account, including 4 wholly ' charged ' items, involving a total sum of Rs. 687;42 lakhs under ' Voted ' and Rs. 112; 65 lakhs under ' Charged.' Under Capital Account there are 8 Demands involving a total sum of Rs. 1,070·94 lakhs under 'Voted ' expenditure alone. A sum of Rs. 2,15.28 lakhs is also proposed under Loans and Advances by the State Government. The total of all the Supplementary Demands including ' Charged ' items works out to nearly Rs. 21 crores. As explained in the Introductory Memorandum, the total of the present Demands does not represent a corresponding increase in the total budget appropriation for the year. Against the additional Demands now included, savings or credits are anticipated to the extent of nearly Rs. 2 crores in the Revenue Account and half a crore in the Capital Account. The amount of the

Supplementary Demands has not been reduced with reference to these savings, as no reappropriation is permissible from one Grant to another or between 'Charged' and 'Voted' items.

"Further, most of the increased expenditure has been allowed for in the Revised Estimate for 1952–53 already presented to the Legislature.

"The widespread prevalence of drought in the State has necessitated the opening of a large number of minor irrigation works and starting of gruel centres in many places and grant of subsistence loans to poorer ryots resulting in large supplementary appropriation. The expenditure on the Community Development Projects which are under implementation in the six areas of this State since October last has also been included in the Supplementary Estimates.

"Turning to the Capital side, the bulk of the additional expenditure represents the value of large stocks of chemical fertilizers and foodgrains purchased in the current year and likely to be cleared only in the next year and is thus not really an outright extra expenditure.

"Explanations for the Supplementary Estimates under each Grant are given in the Detailed Supplementary Estimates.

"With these words, I commend the Supplementary Estimates for the acceptance of the House."

IV,—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1953–54—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER :—"The House will now take up the General Discussion on the Budget."

*THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, I should like to say a few words on the points raised by hon. Members when discussing the Budget items relating to the Departments of Transport, Labour and Industries. I must say at the outset that I have received a lot of useful suggestions and criticisms from Members; but they have on some occasions been a little harsh; and I shall try to explain to them that the harshness is not warranted by facts. 9–30 a.m.

"Sir, so far as Transport is concerned, there has been a suggestion that we should be more liberal in the issue of permits for new routes. Sir, during the discussions on the Stage Carriages Surcharge Bill, there was a suggestion made that in view of the dwindling profits and in view of the fact that we have introduced more buses on the routes, the existing profits, if at all there were any, would still further dwindle, and so new routes should not be opened, at any rate that no new buses must be put on the existing routes where sufficient number of buses were available. And I think I then gave this House an assurance that as far as possible that suggestion would be respected. While I must say that it does not entirely lie within my power to give a direction to quasi-judicial